

ist in the face of these facts would despair as to the future? Even had we the golden touch of Midas what more could we have done? By the strong hands of the hardy pioneer great forests have been turned into wheat fields and gardens. By the enterprise of the capitalist, steamships and railways carry our produce to the ends of the earth. Where the Indian shaped his arrow-head in a rude wigwam sixty years ago cities "compactly built together" with teeming thousands are now to be found. The refining influences of religion, education and journalism pervade every home, and the sweet privilege of sitting under his own vine and fig tree, none daring to make him afraid, is within the reach of every citizen.

NO DOUBT ABOUT THE FUTURE.

But it may be said, although Canada possesses half a continent of her own, though she has the most ample facilities for the transportation of her commerce by land and by water, though she has banking capital fully adequate for all business purposes, though she has latent resources which the necessities of centuries to come are not likely to exhaust, yet her future is a matter of the greatest doubt and uncertainty. I repudiate this timorous suggestion. (Cheers.) I, for one, have no fear as to the future of Canada, and I shall tell you why. Canadians represent a generous admixture of the most progressive and energetic races on the globe. For instance, about 30 per cent., or 1,400,000 of our population, are of French origin, whose frugality, industry and morality have been accredited by the experience of over three centuries; 60 per cent., or about 2,800,000, are of good old British stock, of whom about 1,100,000 are of Irish descent